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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

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1. LA TIMES - S/PRS DID NOT RECEIVE COPY TODAY.
2. REUTERS - DALLAS REPORTS FROM GENEVA THAT SOV/US DIFFERENCES OVER NEW SALT AGREEMENT HAD NARROWED AND PROSPECTS FOR AGREEMENT HAD IMPROVED. ON ME, HAK BELIEVED TO HAVE TOLD GROMYKO HE WAS PRESSING FORWARD WITH STEP-BY-STEP NEGOTIATIONS FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN SINAI.

LATER DALLAS LEAD FROM BONN SAYS GROMYKO CONFIRMED STATEMENT BY US OFFICIAL THAT USSR ACHED UNDERSTANDING WITH US TO ALLOW ON-SITE INSPECTIONS IN USSR. US OFFICIAL SAID HE ASSUMED ON-SITE INSPECTION WOULD TAKE PLACE DURING TEST BUT DETAILS REMAINED TO BE NEGOTIATED. HE SAID ON-SITE INSPECTION WOULD BE APPLIED IN TWO TYPES OF TESTS--THOSE BELOW 150 KILOTONS BUT OUTSIDE AGREED TESTING ZONES AND THOSE ABOVE 150 KT LIMIT, BUT CARRIED OUT FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. SENIOR US OFFICIAL ON PLANE SAID GROMYKO GAVE HAK SOME SOVIET POSITIONS ON TERMS OF NEW SALT TREATY, INCLUDING SOME NEW SUGGESTIONS.

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IN BONN HAK MET WITH FM GENSCHER AND DISCUSSED CSCE AND ME CONFLICT. HAK BRIEFED GENSCHER ON TALKS WITH GROMYKO.

3. AP - SCHWEID FROM GENEVA SAYS US OFFICIALS PRIVATELY

SAY THE BREZHNEV VISIT MIGHT BE POSTPONED SEVERAL WEEKS OR IT WOULD BE HELD WITHOUT NEW SALT AGREEMENT. IT IS SAID FORD AND BREZHNEV WOULD TRY TO SETTLE DIFFERENCES OVER VERIFICATION WHEN THEY MEET AT CSCE SUMMIT.

SCHWEID FROM BONN SAID HAK ARRIVED AMID DAMPENED HOPES FOR WEEKEND BREAKTHROUGH ON SINAI WITHDRAWAL. WITH US EXERTING PRESSURE FOR EARLY ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT, HAK HOPES TO REASSURE RABIN ON SEVERAL KEY ISSUES THE ISRAELI CABINET WANTS CLARIFIED BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION. FRG HAS REPEATEDLY URGED RABIN NOT TO LET CURRENT OPPORTUNITY FOR TROOP WITHDRAWAL PASS BY.

4. UPI - GRAWALD FROM GENEVA REPORTS IMPROVED CHANCES FOR US/SOVIET SALT AGREEMENT, BUT SAYS BOTH WERE MORE CAUTIOUS IN COMMENTS ON ME.

GRAWALD FROM BONN SAYS US OFFICIAL ON PLANE SAID NEW SALT TREATY MIGHT BE SIGNED IN WASHINGTON LATER THIS YEAR DURING BREZHNEV VISIT. OFFICIAL ALSO SAID PROGRESS MADE IN HAK/ GROMYKO TALKS ON VERIFICATION, CRUISE MISSILES AND BACKFIRE B.

ADDITIONAL WIRE COVERAGE FROM BONN BY REUTERS:
US EXPECTS AGREEMENT ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY TO WIND UP CSCE WITH SUMMIT IN HELSINKI JULY 30, SENIOR US OFFICIAL SAID.
HE SAID MALTA ISSUE WOULD BE SETTLED EARLY NEXT WEEK. FORD, BREZHNEV AND MANY EUROPEAN HEADS OF STATE WOULD ATTEND SUMMIT.

SENIOR US OFFICIAL SAID US WILL NOT ACCEDE TO DEMANDS OF KIDNAPPERS OF COL. MORGAN. BY AGREEING TO DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD, CLOTHING AND BUILDING SUPPLIES, AS CONDITION OF HIS RELEASE, USG WOULD ONLY ENDANGER OTHER AMERICANS ABROAD. SUCH ACTION WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE OTHER POTENTIAL KIDNAPPERS.
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ABC, REASONER: IN SECSTATE KISSINGER'S LATEST TRIP THERE WAS STRATEGIC MISSILE TALK TODAY IN GENEVA WITH SOV FM GROMYKO, THEN ON TO BONN FOR MEETINGS TONIGHT WITH WEST GERMAN LEADERS AND AN ENCOUNTER TOMORROW MORNING WITH ISRAELI PM YITZAK RABIN.

ABC, KAPLOW: THE CARNIVAL NIGHT CLUB ATOP GENEVA'S INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL ISN'T THE USUAL SETTING FOR A HIGH POWERED DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE BUT IT WAS THE ONLY ROOM WHERE THE AMERICANS WERE STAYING THAT WAS BIG ENOUGH, SAFE ENOUGH AND AIR CONDITIONED ENOUGH. DURING TODAY'S FOUR AND ONE-HALF HOUR SESSION, ACCORDING TO THE AMERICANS,

THE RUSSIANS SOFTENED THEIR OPPOSITION TO ON-SITE INSPECTION OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR TESTS. AND PROGRESS WAS MADE TOWARD ANOTHER AGREEMENT LIMITING OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. AFTER THE MEETING GROMYKO AND HAK HELD A BRIEF NEWS CONFERENCE, AND OF COURSE THEY WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR TWO AND A HALF HOUR DISCUSSION ABOUT THE ME.

HAK: THERE WAS A REVIEW OF THE ME SITUATION AS WELL AS PROSPECTS FOR COMPREHENSIVE AS WELL AS PARTIAL SOLUTIONS, BUT BEYOND THAT WE CANNOT GO.

KAPLOW: AND NOW HAK IS HERE IN WEST GERMANY BRINGING WITH HIM NEW ANSWERS ABOUT THE ME FOR ISRAELI PM RABIN, WHOM HAK IS TO SEE HERE TOMORROW. WHETHER THESE ANSWERS WILL BRUSH AWAY ISRAEL'S WORRIES ABOUT A NEW AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT IS SOMETHING HAK IS NOT PREDICTING. MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE HAK REMEMBERS HOW CLOSE HE CAME TO AN AGREEMENT LAST MARCH, ONLY TO HAVE IT EVAPORATE AT THE LAST MOMENT.

NBC, CHANCELLOR: THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH TODAY IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. FOR MANY YEARS THE RUSSIANS HAVE REFUSED TO ALLOW AMERICAN INSPECTORS IN RUSSIA AS PART OF THE SOVIET/AMERICAN NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT PACT, BUT NOW APPARENTLY IN CERTAIN CASES WILL ACCEPT AMERICAN INSPECTORS. THIS CAME DURING UNCLASSIFIED

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TWO DAYS TALKS IN GENEVA BETWEEN KISSINGER AND SOVIET FM GROMYKO. PART OF THAT MEETING TOOK PLACE IN A BAR-ROOM FOR REASONS EXPLAINED BY RICHARD VALERIANI.

VALERIANI: THE CARNIVAL BAR WAS THE SETTING FOR TODAY'S MEETING BECAUSE IT WAS THE ONLY PLACE IN KISSINGER'S HOTEL WITH AIR CONDITIONING. THE BAR ATMOSPHERE, THE GREEN FELT-COVERED TABLE, SOMBER-LOOKING BODYGUARDS AND HEAVY CIGARETTE SMOKE MADE IT LOOK MORE LIKE A HIGH-STAKES POKER GAME THAN A DIPLOMATIC EVENT. BOTH SIDES TERMED THE TWO DAYS OF TALKS CONSTRUCTIVE AND VERY USEFUL. THE RUSSIANS REPORTEDLY MADE SOME CONCESSIONS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN LIMITING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND KISSINGER CLAIMED PROGRESS IN THAT AREA.

KISSINGER: I WOULD THINK THAT AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD IN RECENT DAYS THE PROSPECTS OF A SALT AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN IMPROVED.

VALERIANI: THERE WAS A POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN RELATED NEGOTIATIONS IN LIMITING UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTING. FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER THE RUSSIANS HAVE ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE OF ON-SITE INSPECTION. THAT MEANS ALLOWING FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING AMERICANS, TO INSPECT

CERTAIN AREAS USED FOR NON-MILITARY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. THE PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTIONS WOULD BE TO MAKE SURE THE RUSSIANS WEREN'T CHEATING ON INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. KISSINGER CAME TO BONN FOR TALKS WITH WEST GERMAN LEADERS. TOMORROW HE WILL MEET WITH ISRAELI PM YITZAK RABIN, WHO IS HERE ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT. THAT MEETING IS REGARDED AS CRUCIAL TO THE PROSPECTS FOR ANOTHER PARTIAL PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

CBS NEWS, MUDD: SECRETARY KISSINGER AND SOVIET FM GROMYKO TODAY FINISHED REPORTEDLY FRIENDLY TALKS IN GENEVA ABOUT A NEW ARMS LIMITATION PACT.

KALB: THE TWO DIPLOMATS DID NOT BREAK THE DEADLOCK ON THE TANGLED NEGOTIATION TO LIMIT STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT THEY MADE ENOUGH PROGRESS FOR KISSINGER TO EXPECT AN AGREEMENT IN TIME FOR SOVIET LEADER BREZHNEV'S UNCLASSIFIED

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SCHEDULED VISIT TO WASHINGTON. BUT IT WILL BE TOUGH AND THE SUMMIT MAY NOW SLIP TO EARLY NOVEMBER. KISSINGER ALSO GOT CONFIRMATION THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE NOW ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE OF ON-SITE INSPECTION IN THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY. AT A JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE AFTER THEIR FOUR-AND ONE-HALF MEETING, KISSINGER SOUNDED OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CONCLUDING A NEW SALT AGREEMENT THIS YEAR.

KISSINGER; PROGRESS WAS MADE IN NARROWING THE DIFFERENCES AND IN UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS. WE WILL WORK EARNESTLY AND WITH SOME OPTIMISM TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE VLADIVOSTOK PRINCIPLES THIS YEAR.

KALB: GROMYKO, NOT NOTED FOR HIS HUMOR, CONCEDED THAT IT'S HARD TO THINK UP THE WORDS TO DESCRIBE THE DANGERS AND COMPLEXITY OF THE MIDDLE EAST. HE AND KISSINGER CLEARLY

REACHED NO AGREEMENT ON THIS BITTER SUBJECT. AS THEY CONFRONTED NEWSMEN IN GENEVA, ISRAELI PM RABIN CONFRONTED ANOTHER GROUP OF THEM IN BONN. THE SECRETARY ARRIVED HERE LATE TODAY. RABIN DID NOT MENTION KISSINGER BY NAME, BUT HE WAS CLEARLY CAUTIONING HIM AGAINST EXPECTING TOO MUCH, TOO SOON FROM HIS ONGOING MIDDLEMAN EFFORTS. KISSINGER CONFERRED TONIGHT WITH WEST GERMAN LEADERS WHILE WORRYING ABOUT HIS CRUCIAL MEETING TOMORROW WITH RABIN -- CRUCIAL BECAUSE KISSINGER HAS TO GIVE THE ISRAELI LEADER NEW ASSURANCES ABOUT LONG-TERM AMERICAN AID TO ISRAEL AND ABOUT AMERICA'S ROLE IN GUARANTEEING A NEW SINAI AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT. IN A SENSE AMERICA'S ROLE HAS NOW BECOME CENTRAL IN THIS INCREASINGLY TRIANGULAR NEGOTIATION.

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